

### **Reasons for Allowance**

1. Examiner has reviewed and considered Applicant's comments as indicated on Applicant's response dated (07/15/2011) and based on Applicant's arguments on page 17 – 20, Examiner is hereby placing claims 1 – 11 and 13 – 34 in condition for allowance.

The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest at least:

“...to execute the program selected by said second program selector; a cause obtainer operable to obtain a cause of the abnormal termination of the program detected by said program monitor; and a countermeasure executioner operable to execute a countermeasure based on the cause of the abnormal termination, wherein said processor is operable to execute the program selected by said second program selector, after the countermeasure is executed by said countermeasure executioner and wherein upon selection and execution of the program selected by said second program selector, the program that experienced abnormal termination is prevented from further execution...” as best illustrated by FIG. 27, and in such a manner as recited in independent claims 1, 16, 22, 23, and 27 – 34.

Therefore, claims 1 – 11 and 13 – 34 are in condition for allowance.

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2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chuck Kendall whose telephone number is 571-272-3698. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:00 am - 6:30pm.

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